

# e-news

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### CHRISTMAS IS COMING and so is the

## MASTERS OF PRINT

at St Martin in the Bull Ring

The unfortunate loss of our London Bankside Gallery necessitated an exhaustive search, but we are now delighted to have secured such an excellent venue, a leisurely walk from New Street Rail Station in Birmingham.

The opening will be from **2.00pm on 7th December** and promises to be a truly festive occasion. The Bull Ring will be buzzing and the legendary German Christmas Market will be in full swing.

We expect to have a great turnout for the Opening and we will be serving mulled wine and gingerbread men!

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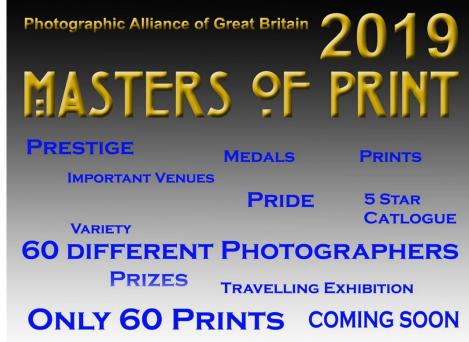


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This year, we even have the facility to enter via your Club and there will be a trophy, and maybe prizes, for the Best Clubs. The more your Club enters, the better chance you have of winning!

The cost of entering is only £3 per Print - with a minimum fee of £15, for both Individuals and Clubs.







# AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT IN AUDIO VISUAL (APM/AV)

# ADVISORY DAY

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**Exmouth Photo Group** is delighted to present on behalf of the **WCPF** a full-day AV Advisory Day for workers interested in achieving an APM/AV A panel of PAGB AV judges will assess your work against either a C, D, or M merit award. Places will be reserved on a strictly first-come first-served basis, so please book your ticket early!

There is no limit to the number of observers who can attend.

Saturday 29th February 2020 at Woodbury, near Exeter visit **www.ibateman.co.uk/epg** for more details

Open to applications from any PAGB Affiliated Club, anywhere

# **FIAP Clubs' World Cup**

The FIAP Clubs' World Cup has been organised each year since 2006. This is a Projected image competition open to individual clubs worldwide. FIAP Medals and other awards are made to Clubs and to individual images.

The first Club to win in 2006 was Wigan 10 (L&CPU), and UK Clubs have been well represented every year.

Visit the FIAP website to access information about the FIAP World Cup (results and entries).

2019 Event: FIAP have updated the event rules, and a local advance copy is HERE.

http://www.thepagb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/fiap\_world\_cup\_rules.pdf



PAGB Silver Medal from Warwick presented to Sarah Kelman, by Jonathon Vaines, Cambridge CC



A very successful Awards for Photographic Merit "closed" Adjudication was hosted in Holywood, near Dumfries, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September - CPAGB only - and the results are winging their way to you. A full list,



illustrated with pictures from successful entrants, will appear in the next issue.



The Adjudicators. Gordon Jenkins, Gordon Rae, Howard Tate, Richard Speirs, Anne Greiner & Tillman Kleinhans



# 19/33 PASSES IN CPAGB PRINTS & 9/16 PASSES IN CPAGB PDI

Congratulations to everyone who has been successful and commiserations to those who fell a little short this time. The November Adjudication is completely full but there are still spaces available, at all three levels, in the Adjudication in Bromsgrove on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 April 2020. This Adjudication is likely to fill up rapidly towards the end of the year.



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# **PAGB PATRONAGE**

I thought that I was having a very quiet Summer with no applications coming through, but, over the weekend, I've had 3 or 4 people contact me to complain about my non-response. It turns out that the PAGB Website was not delivering the incoming e-mails to my personal e-mail address.

Thanks to the fine efforts of Mark everything is working again – but obviously any applications that came in during the period are gone into the Ether.

So if you have any complaints or queries please contact me at <a href="mailto:roy17@btinternet.com">roy17@btinternet.com</a> or, if it is urgent, ring me at 01639644757.

Roy Thomas\*

## **Avoiding Image Repetition at PAGB Events – Guidance for Entrants**

Your Editor has received several question on this subject, direct and on social media, so I thought it would be worthwhile to include these notes which were agreed by the PAGB Executive Committee in 2017. You can download this, and many other useful documents from <a href="http://www.thepagb.org.uk/library/">http://www.thepagb.org.uk/library/</a>

All PAGB Events include the principle that an Image, once entered to an Event, is not eligible to be entered again to the same Event.

The definition and boundaries of each PAGB Event are stated in the respective rules. For example, the Inter-Federation Competition is one Event with four categories, while the GB Cups are three separate Events.

The PAGB is building an archive of entries made via its on-line system, with validation software which can warn Entrants of possible eligibility errors. The check can only be an estimate based on the combination of the Title and the Photographer's name.

- The same Title by a different Photographer is always a different Image.
- Any change between Events in typing either the Title or the Photographer's name may mean that a warning is not given.
- The system may give a false warning where two Photographers share the same name or have very similar names.

It is highly desirable, and is best practice, for the Photographer to give each Image a unique Title, and for that Title never to be changed. A different Title by the same Photographer will be assumed to be a different Image. However, it is the Image which matters, and a review of image files may reveal an ineligible entry.

An Image, which is sufficiently similar to another previously entered to an Event by the same Photographer, may be ruled ineligible as being effectively the same Image. Monochrome and Colour versions from one original are likely to be considered the same image, unless the artistic treatment is significantly different. Similarity may also arise where elements are repeated in different composite Images. The PAGB delegates decisions on eligibility to each Event Organiser. Photographers and Entrants should be aware of the similarity issue, even if two entries have been given different Titles.

For clarity, the following are examples where an entry to a PAGB Event is always eligible:

- An Image, in either medium (print or projected), entered to one Event remains eligible for a different Event in the same or a subsequent year.
- An Image included in a selection bank, e.g., for either of the Club Championships, but which is not then used, has not been entered and remains eligible for the same Event in a subsequent year.
- As each APM session is a new Event, an Image submitted for one Awards session remains eligible for a subsequent Awards session.

Editor's Note. Accidents can happen, but, if you keep the same title for all forms of your image – Colour Print, Mono Print and PDI – there is a good chance that the CES and the organiser will detect it and allow you to substitute another Image. However, if you change the title, then the image may slip through to the judging. There is a very good chance that someone, maybe in the audience, will notice and that image will have to be disqualified with a potentially disastrous effect on your Club or Personal score. If you are caught in a mistake, please do not attempt to cover up. This can lead to more embarrassment and to an increased penalty.





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Halloween is coming and I have so many pictures in response to my appeal that we might need an extra issue!

Still time to be included if you have one and I haven't yet chosen the Cover Page!



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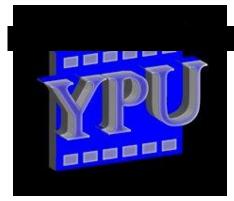
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### How do we keep print photography healthy and popular?

This is going to be the subject of an open debate at the next meeting of The Executive Committee of the PAGB in early October. The number of British & International Exhibitions who invite Prints is diminishing rapidly. There was a time when, in the pursuit of some Distinctions, Prints were valued more highly than Projected Images (Slides) but, with the advent of the Digital Age, Projected Digital Images (PDI) are squeezing Prints out of Clubs and out of amateur photography. Although home printing is more accessible than ever, Club members and competition entrants prefer the convenience and the economy of PDI, with some Clubs hosting nothing

else. And yet, what can be more satisfying than a mounted Print or a framed Print on an Exhibition wall? Perhaps the theme for debate should be **Keeping Photographic Prints Alive**. You Editor is charged with producing an initial discussion document and I would be grateful for any ideas or suggestions you might care to contribute. e-mail <a href="mailto:rod@creative-camera.co.uk">rod@creative-camera.co.uk</a>. Rod Wheelans.



## PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT..

Over the past few years there has been a steady increase of candidates for the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit (APM). Experiencing this groundswell of interest, the YPU has hosted a number of advisory days for would-be candidates. We have also introduced a mentoring scheme. We were aware of at least one other Federation, (the L&CPU), close to our border in Yorkshire with an established support system in place with

very successful outcomes. They would be a hard act to follow!

Little did I know what I was letting myself in for when Andrea Hargreaves, YPU Executive mentoring scheme officer, asked if I would become a mentor for our region. Andrea recruited a good handful of listed PAGB & Federation judges and Salon Exhibitors and, in next to no time, I had a handful of candidates, and images coming left right and centre. Whoa!!! Any notion of time to look at my own images went out of the window! Very quickly we realised that we needed something more substantial in place to firm up that relationship between mentor and mentee. Horror stories of candidates ringing mentors up at unearthly hours had already filtered through from across the border!

It didn't take long for us to draw up a contract, just so that each party, mentor and mentee) were aware of what he/she would or wouldn't do. To this day that contract is still in use and is a good anchor for all parties. So, how does all this work in practice? I'll use the first level, CPAGB as an example as this is where most of our candidates in YPU start their journey. But is this really the start of a journey? More of this later.... Once a photographer contacts Andrea, she will earmark two or three of the mentors to undertake a desk top appraisal of a set of images. In most cases they are advised to send no more than 15/20 images to start with. Each of us in turn will give a brief critique of each image. This is then shared with the candidate and it's interesting to see how near or far our first impressions are. Following this, if the candidate wishes to proceed, mentors are allocated, bearing in mind geographic fit - Yorkshire is a massive county. It's worth noting that no mention is made of specific genre, because all we are considering is 'good club photography'

The relationship between mentor and mentee will continue until he/she makes that leap of faith and books an adjudication. It will continue right up to the very day of adjudication when mentors sit at home on tenterhooks or, quite often turn up to support their candidate. Over the past few years, I'm pleased to have mentored a fair number from my Federation and beyond. All very positive so far, but there has been an equal number of photographers sending banks of images that are nowhere near the standard. The APM are not to be confused with entering images for a competition but a measure against a standard.

So, as I mentioned earlier when does the journey start?

I feel that a candidate for APM should themselves have a vague idea about their readiness for each level. As I go around the clubs in my Federation in my role of judge, I often ask the question. "How many of you have entered our Federation Annual Exhibition?" (I do like to give it a plug because it's my job to make sure we have a successful Exhibition each year) Surprisingly, very few hands go up! Probably only around a quarter of the members of all YPU clubs, around 68, enter the Annual Exhibition.

I firmly believe that a good yardstick for anyone embarking at C level might be the number of acceptances/awards achieved in our Federation Exhibition. After all we always make sure we have some of the best judges and selectors in the country to choose our Exhibition images.

Sometimes when I've had to say an image isn't at the standard, I'll get a reply – "but it's had lots of likes on social media and our club members like it". It seems unfair to say that standards vary from club to club but it is a fact. I'm sure e-news readers, who are on the judging circuit, will concur with my statement. Another event might be an inter club battle, a good one for us in Yorkshire is hosted by Sheffield PS and goes way back to the days of 35mm slides. Around 27 clubs will enter 5 digital images through several knockout rounds until a clear winner is found. It's another good measure having your image chosen to represent the club and then going along to see the best from all the other clubs. Spectators are always welcome and it's a very entertaining and inspiring evening for any club member, plus you will learn a lot from the judge as he/she eliminates an image from a round.

I 'm sure there will be plenty of contests such as this across the UK.

Why not dip your toe into the British Photographic Exhibitions - around 17 Exhibitions throughout the year – even if you feel not ready to enter, many of them have online catalogues of accepted images and award winners to view.

Eventually you will build up a bank of images which you know have been put through their paces against the best in your region and beyond. You may have even picked up an award or two. It will be a very worthwhile journey as you will have had the opportunity to learn from the process. It still surprises me that so many have spent little time doing this extra leg work.

And of course, the Annual PAGB Inter Fed print and pdi competitions in Warwick and Blackburn are a grand day out and an opportunity to see the best of UK club photography. Here you will see inspiring examples of images that will do well at C, D and M levels. My advice to any C candidate is to take any opportunity to attend such events.

By this time, you might even be ready to book in for a PAGB APM Advisory day, where several adjudicators will be there to give you an idea if you are ready to take the next step. Do try to attend one of the APM Adjudication days. This will give you an insight into the process and you will see how fairly and professionally the PAGB APM team undertake it. If possible, make a weekend of it and see all three levels, C, D & M.

Finally, next time you are going through the files on your hard drives, try and have a fresh look at your images and aspire to go down this analytical route. Take a critical view, detach yourself from any emotional attachment. Pick your best photographs and try to get advice from mentors and others who have been through the process.

How rewarding it is to have a mentor say having undertaken a review of your images — "I think you are almost at the level — and even occasionally — I think you are heading towards the next level too!"

Marilyn Roberts DPAGB, BPE3\* PAGB / YPU judge and mentor. YPU President- Elect.

# Masters of Print Hall of Fame

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Apologies. Two names were lost from the last published list and have been added now

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This is one of the great PAGB events! If you can get there, you will not regret it. The Best Photographic Prints from the Best Clubs, all photographed beautifully and projected for your visual delight. Lunch and morning tea/coffee will be available.

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| NEWARK & DISTRICT PS | N&EMPF | WAKEFIELD CC             | YPU    |

Because of their success last year, the MCPF are represented by 6 Clubs. My apologies for omitting Stafford and Tamworth from the list published in the last issue. NIPA are, unfortunately, unable to nominate a second Club, so we are just one short of the maximum.

## THE PAGB RECORDED LECTURE SERVICE

Here are just a few of the shows available for Clubs to rent from the Recorded Lecture Service.



Author Rod Wheelans (c)2019 Added 30-08-2019

Svalbard, Kingdom of the Ice

Author Eddy & Pam Lane (c) Added 30-08-2019

The PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit. Successful pictures and complete entries at all three levels from 2017-2018. A great show, even for those not yet (Running Time 70 mins)

Compatition Slide Show with Music

500 images from 500 Photographers

Photographers Author Rod Wheelans (c)2013 Added 29-08-2019 New

This lecture features images from various trips to Svalbard, but concentrates mainly on an extended expedition on the historic icebreaker "MV Stockholm" late in the season during September (Running Time 40 mins) Photographers Portfolio with Narration

500 photographs from 500 different photographers, all taken in the period from the first eNews in 2008 (Running Time 0 mins) Photographers Portfolio with Music

A PAGB recorded talk John Wigmore

To Judge or not how to Judge Author John Wigmore (c) Added 29-08-2019

Hints and tips on how to judge images for photographic competitions (Running Time 0 mins) Photographers Portfolio with Narration



**Have I Got Nudes for You** Author Tim Pile (c)2018 Added 17-06-2019

Portfolio Photography by Tim Pile Contains full frontal nudity. Created with Picture2exe (Running Time 0 mins) Photographers Portfolio with Narration



2019 PAGB Inter-Federation Digital Categories (LQ) Author Adrian Lines (c)2019 Added 16-06-2019

Selected Digital Images from the 2019 Inter-Federation Competition hosted by the MCPF. 1080p High Video Compression Version. (Running Time 15 mins) Competition Slide Show with Music



People, Portraits and Pachyderms Author Adrian Lines (c)2017 Added 16-06-2019 New

A Selection of Creative Images by Adrian Lines. Showing Transitions from original photo to finished (Running Time 45 mins)

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